

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2, 4-6, 17 and 25 and amend claims 1, 3, 7, 12, 13, 16, 20 and 26 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A portable clipper holding apparatus comprising:
a generally “S”-shaped structure having a first arch and a second arch, said first and second arches positioned in an inverted relationship to one another;
said first arch configured for engaging a substrate; and
said second arch configured for receiving at least one clipper;
a first wall connecting said first and second arches;
a second wall attached to a top of said first arch forms a bottom opening for engaging the substrate; and
said second wall has a contoured shape for conforming to the waistline of the user.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The portable clipper holding apparatus of claim 1 further including at least one clipper, and wherein said at least one clipper has at least one of

an open and a closed loop for engaging said second arch for supporting the weight of the
clipper.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) The portable clipper holding apparatus of claim 5
1 wherein said second wall has two lateral extension portions extending from its sides to the
extent of surpassing the lateral dimensions of said first wall.

8. (Original) The portable clipper holding apparatus of claim 1 further
including a first wall and a second wall separated by a top forming said first arch wherein a
bottom portion of said first wall extends below a bottom edge of said second wall.

9. (Original) The portable clipper holding apparatus of claim 8 wherein
said bottom portion extends beyond the bottom edge of said second wall by at least one half
of the height of said second wall.

10. (Original) The portable clipper holding apparatus of claim 8 wherein the first wall provides sufficient space between the bottom portion and the top to define a strike plate.

11. (Original) The portable clipper holding apparatus of claim 1 further including at least one hook forming said second arch.

12. (Currently Amended) The portable clipper holding apparatus of claim 11 wherein said at least one hook includes three hooks being equally spaced along the length of the first wall and positioned in a generally parallel relationship to each other.

13. (Currently Amended) The portable clipper holding apparatus of claim 11 wherein each said at least one hook is provided with a supporting gusset.

14. (Original) A portable clipper holding apparatus for holding at least one hair clipping device on at least one of a drawer and a belt, comprising:

a first arch having a top, a first wall, a second wall, and a bottom opening, configured for attachment to one of the drawer and the belt;

said first wall having a bottom portion extending below a bottom edge of said second wall by at least one half of the height of said second wall;

said first wall configured to provide space between said bottom portion and said top to define a strike plate;

said second wall having two lateral extension portions which extend beyond lateral sides of said first wall;

said second wall having a contoured shape; and

three hooks extending from said bottom portion of said first wall, wherein said hooks are equally spaced along the length of the first wall and positioned in a generally parallel relationship to each other.

15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 14 wherein each said hook is provided with a supporting gusset.

16. (Currently Amended) A portable clipper holding apparatus in combination with a hair clipping device comprising:

a hair clipping device having a housing with a closed or opened loop for attaching to the portable clipper holding apparatus;

a generally "S"-shaped structure having a first arch and a second arch, said first and second arches positioned in an inverted relationship to one another;

said first arch configured for engaging a substrate; and

said second arch configured for receiving the hair clipping device, three hooks
forming said second arch.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The combination holding apparatus and clipping device of claim 16 further including a first wall connecting said first and second arches.

19. (Original) The combination holding apparatus and clipping device of claim 18 wherein a second wall attached to a top of said first arch forms a bottom opening for engaging the substrate.

20. (Currently Amended) The combination holding apparatus and clipping device of claim 19 wherein said second wall has a contoured shape for conforming to the waistline of ~~the~~a user.

21. (Original) The combination holding apparatus and clipping device of claim 16 further including a first wall and a second wall separated by a top forming said first arch wherein a bottom portion of said first wall extends below a bottom edge of said second wall.

22. (Original) The combination holding apparatus and clipping device of claim 21 wherein said bottom portion extends beyond the bottom edge of said second wall by at least one half of the height of said second wall.

23. (Original) The combination holding apparatus and clipping device of claim 21 wherein the first wall provides sufficient space between the bottom portion and the top to define a strike plate.

24. (Original) The combination holding apparatus and clipping device of claim 19 wherein said second wall has two lateral extension portions extending from its sides to the extent of surpassing the lateral dimensions of said first wall.

25. (Canceled) The combination holding apparatus and clipping device of claim 16 further including three hooks forming said second arch.

26. (Currently Amended) The combination holding apparatus and clipping device of claim 25 wherein said three hooks being equally spaced along the length of ~~the~~ a first wall and positioned in a generally parallel relationship to each other.

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27. (Original) The combination holding apparatus and clipping device of claim 26, wherein each said hook is provided with a supporting gusset.